

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Eighth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Eighth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (731) of these admissions reside in the Eighth Norfolk Representative District. 4% (32) of admissions from the Eighth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Eighth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 71% were male and 29% were female.
- 61% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 87% were white non-Latino, 5% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 59% were never married, 20% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 21% had less than high school education, 52% completed high school, and 27% had more than high school education.
- 37% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 25% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Eighth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	50%	29%	6%	5%	3%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002 Eighth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	538	470	130	137	53	82	58
FY '96	494	449	169	148	68	81	57
FY '97	677	598	172	159	94	114	76
FY '98	622	530	151	128	68	100	65
FY '99	631	519	177	160	79	127	79
FY '00	641	504	189	156	77	181	131
FY '01	671	517	195	167	67	196	135
FY '02	731	548	190	189	78	259	169